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FOR 1874.

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habit of making a livelihood by the nefarious traffic will be thrown out of employment, and ruin will stare them in the face. They will thus be doomed to desperation, and will have no chance of keeping themselves going except by carrying on their old practices in one form or another. The greatest inducement will, therefore, exist for attempting to establish unscrupulous emigration, and the enormous paying character of the traffic will make it quite likely that men will be found willing to strain every nerve to obtain emigrants. There is so largely in want of men that enormous fortunes will be realizable by such ventures, which will, under existing circumstances, partake of the nature of blockade running. Hongkong is unfortunately about the only place at which such operations can be conducted, and the most unremitting vigilance will, therefore, be required to prevent the traffic from being eradicated. It is, therefore, to be hoped that they have been consolidated in a form such as will make it more easy to understand their bearing, and for the authorities to apply them as they are required. The alteration which the Acting Attorney-General pointed out had been made in regard to the issue of the warrants of arrest is a valuable and necessary one, and will no doubt facilitate the application of the regulations, and the prevention of their evasion. The arrest of a vessel is a matter of so much importance that it would certainly not be desirable in a place like Hongkong to vest the power of doing so in any other hands than those of the Governor. A mistake might involve an international difficulty, especially as the cargo question has not been definitely settled as a slave trade, in which case the position would be simpler and more consistent than it is at present. The whole subject is a most difficult and delicate one to deal with. It is to be hoped that the time will do away with many of the five points which now attach to it, but in the mean time there is no doubt that the local Government will have to act with extreme vigilance and also with very great discretion—witness vigilance to prevent any invasion of the laws, and with discretion to steer clear of difficulties in enforcing the regulations of the port. The measures which have been adopted are not possibly all that could be wished, but on the whole they will probably prove sufficient for the purposes which it is desired to fulfill. One thing is certain that for the next two years they will be very severely tested, and if they are found sufficient to put down any abuses during that period, they may be relied upon as sufficient for the satisfactory regulation of emigration for some time to come.

The troopships *Crocodile* and *Jana* have arrived at Portsmouth.

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